

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masaru IZAWA et al.

Serial No. to be assigned : Group Art Unit: 1775

Filed: February 5, 2004 : Examiner: Stein, Stephen J.

For: Surface Treated Steel Material, a Method for Its Manufacture, and a Chemical Conversion Treatment Liquid

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the specification are submitted on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 3.

Remarks are submitted on page 5.